AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 25 and 32 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the recited subject matter.

Please AMEND claims 21-23, 26 and 29-31, as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below:

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus which reads a code formed on a substrate, said apparatus comprising:

a transfer ~~unit~~ system which has a holding member for holding a substrate and ~~transfers~~ a transfer mechanism for transferring said holding member to transfer the substrate; and

a reading ~~unit~~ system which optically reads a code formed on the substrate, at least a portion of said reading ~~unit~~ system being located on ~~said transfer unit~~ at least one of said holding member and said transfer mechanism.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the portion of said reading ~~unit~~ system is located on said holding member and includes one of a light reflecting portion and a light scattering portion.

23. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the portion of said reading ~~unit located on said transfer unit~~ system includes one of a code detecting portion for detecting the code formed on the substrate and a code illumination portion for illuminating the code formed on the substrate.

24. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 23, wherein one of the code detecting portion and the code illumination portion is located on said holding member.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein all of said reading ~~unit~~ system is located on said transfer ~~unit~~ system.

27. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the code includes a bar code.

28. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the substrate includes a transparent portion in which the code is formed.

29. (Currently Amended) An apparatus used for manufacturing a device, said apparatus comprising:

a transfer ~~unit~~ system which has a holding member for holding a substrate and ~~transferring~~ a transfer mechanism for transferring said holding member to transfer the substrate;

a reading ~~unit~~ system which optically reads a code formed on the substrate, at least a portion of said reading ~~unit~~ system being located on ~~said transfer unit~~ at least one of said holding member and said transfer mechanism; and

a process ~~unit~~ system which performs a process using the substrate based on information of the code read by said reading ~~unit~~ system.

30. (Currently Amended) An exposure apparatus comprising:

a transfer ~~unit~~ system which has a holding member for holding a substrate and ~~transfers~~ a transfer mechanism for transferring said holding member to transfer the substrate;

a reading ~~unit~~ system which optically reads a code formed on the substrate, at least a portion of said reading ~~unit being arranged on said transfer unit~~ system being located on at least one of said holding member and said transfer mechanism; and

an exposure ~~unit~~ system which performs an exposure process using the substrate based on information of the code read by said reading ~~unit~~ system.

31. (Currently Amended) A method used for manufacturing a device, said method comprising steps of:

transferring a substrate using a transfer ~~unit~~ system which has a holding member for holding the substrate and a transfer mechanism for transferring the holding member;

optically reading a code formed on the substrate using a reading ~~unit~~ system, at least a portion of the reading ~~unit~~ system being located on ~~the transfer unit~~ at least one of the holding member and the transfer mechanism; and

performing a process using the substrate based on information of the code read in said reading step.

32. (Cancelled)